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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN VISA AND ADMISSION POLICY RE AMERICANS

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1. MORNING AUGUST7, RAISED QUIESTION OF JORDANIAN ADMISSIONS POLICY (VISAS AND BORDER CROSSINGS) WITH PRIME MINISTER RIFAI. I TOLD HIM THAT I WANTED HIS PERSONAL ADVICE ON THE SITUATION AND ALSO TO TRY TO DETERMINE FROM A CONFUSING SITUATION WHAT POLICY JORDAN WAS FOLLOWING.

THEN RECOUNTED FOR HIM, WITHOUT IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS OR TIMES AND PLACES ,RECENT INSTANCE WHERE US CITIZENS OF JERISH FAITH HAD (A) BEEN REFUSED PERMSIION TO CORSS BORDER FROM SYRIA BECAUSE OF THAT INDICATION ON A PASSENGER LIST FROM TOUR OPERATOR AND (B) OF SECOND INSTANCE DOCUMENTED IN EMBASSY FILES WHERE VISA HAD BEEN REFUSED BY ONE JORDANIAN CONSUL IN ABSENCE OF A "BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE" AND GRANTED BY ANOTHER WITH NO REQUEST BEING MADE FOR SUCH A CERTIFICATE.

2. RIFAI SAID IMMEDIATELY IN RESPONSE THAT OUR POLICY REGARDING
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AMERICANS IS TO PERMIT THEM TO COME TO JORDAN WITHOUT REFERENCE TO

RELIGION, BACKGROUND OR ANY OTHER GROUNDS THAT MIGHT BE ARBITRARY OR DISCRIMINATORY." HE THOUGHT THAT AGAIN, AS IN THE CASE OF COMPANY REGISTRATION, HE HAD A PROBLEM WITH AN OVER ZEALOUS OFFICIAL. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE QUESTION ON THE BORDERS AND WITH REGARD TO ISSUANCE OF VISAS OVERSEAS BY PREPARING A CIRCULAR LETTER MAKING THIS POLICY CLEAR TO ALL JORDANIAN OFFICIALS. HE SAID THAT IN FUTURE IF THERE ARE ANY SUCH CASES WHICH COME TO MY ATTENTION, I SHOULD BRING THEM TO HIS NOTICE SO THAT HE CAN INSURE THEY DO NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

3. BELIEVE THIS SHOULD ANSWER INQUIREY REFTEL AND ALSO CLARIFY JORDANIAN POLICY IN THIS REGARD. IF THERE ARE ANY FUTURE PROBLEMS, THIS EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THEY WERE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION SO THAT WE CAN KEEP RIFAI INFORMED. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT RIFAI WILL FOLLOW THROUGH AND ISSUE THE CIRCULAR AS HE SUGGESTED.
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